

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 20-22 and 26-30.
2. Claim(s) canceled: 1-19 and 23-25.
3. Claim(s) added: None.
4. Claims previously withdrawn and now rejoined: 21, 29, and 30.

Claim Amendments

Claim 29 has been amended to correct the informalities cited on page 2 of the Ex parte Quayle Action. Considering the changes were merely typographical in nature, no new matter has been added. As noted in the Ex parte Quayle Action, claims 21, 29, and 30 have been rejoined. However, after researching the comments to the rules and the MPEP as well as contacting the Patent Office help line, the undersigned representative was unable to find the proper identifier for claims that were previously withdrawn and now rejoined. The best option suggested by the representative on the Patent Office help line was use the claim identifiers as if the claims were never withdrawn. Consequently, the status identifier for claim 21 is now “original”, and the status identifiers for claims 29 and 30 are now “previously presented.” If some other identifier should be used, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that the issue can be quickly remedied. In view of the above, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If after reviewing this amendment the Examiner feels that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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